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(CERDS)

SUMMARY. MEXICAN DEL (GARCIA ROBLES) CALLED 4 P.M. MEETING NOV 14 TO GET 2ND COMITE WEO GROUP VIEWS ON LATEST VERSION GROUP OF 77 CERDS DRAFT. MOST WEO GROUP MEMBERS HAD ONLY RECEIVED TEXT THAT A.M. AND AT 3 P.M. WEO GROUP MEETING SEVERAL DELS EXPRESSED VIEW THAT FOR SEVERAL REASONS, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION ON TEXT SHOULD BE DEFERRED. AT LATER MEETING, ROBLES, AFTER HEARING VIEWS AND REASONS FOR POSTPONE-
MENT STATED NEXT MEETING WOULD BE AT 3 P.M. TUESDAY, NOV-
EMBER 19. END SUMMARY.

1. COMITE 2 WEO GROUP MET 3 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, TO DISCUSS, INTER ALIA, CERDS ITEM IN LIGHT OF MEXICAN REQUEST
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FOR A 4 P.M. MEETING ON CERDS. COMITE 2 WEO GROUP CHAIRMAN

(GREECE) STATED HE HAD RECEIVED ONLY THIS A.M. COPY OF G-77 DRAFT (WHICH IS A "REVISED VERSION" OF G-77 DRAFT COMPOSED EARLY LAST WEEK), AND NOTICE THAT MEXICO DEL WISHED HAVE 4 P.M. MEETING. OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN WEO MEETING, NOTABLY FRG, FRANCE, ITALY AND USDELS STATED THEY TOO HAD RECEIVED TEXT ONLY THIS A.M. OR EARLY P.M., AND WERE NOT PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME. VARIOUS DELS NOTED THAT THEY HAD NOT HAD TIME TO STUDY TEXT, OR CONVEY IT TO THEIR CAPITALS. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT GROUP B (I.E. UNDER UNCTAD) CONSULTATIONS ON CERDS WERE SCHEDULED FOR NOV 18, AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF G-77 TEXT WITHOUT BENEFIT OF RESULTS OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS.

2. MEXICAN DEL (GARCIA ROBLES), ACTING AS CHAIRMAN OF 4 P.M. MEETING, MADE CLEAR G-77 LOOKING FORWARD TO WEO EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS ON TEXT AT THAT MEETING. GARCIA ROBLES SAID TEXT IS BASICALLY SAME AS THAT FOUND IN 4TH REPORT OF UNCTAD GROUP OF 40. HE SAID AGREED PARAS IN G-77 TEXT WERE THOSE AGREED BY GROUP OF 40, AND AS TO OTHER PARAS THEY ARE "BALANCED" ADAPTATIONS BY G-77 OF DISPUTED ALTERNATIVES. HE STATED THAT G-77 HAD CREATED A CONTACT GROUP DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY AND WISHED NOW TO DISCUSS TEXT.

3. FRENCH, FRG, US AND ITALIAN DELS MADE POINTS THEY HAD STATED IN EARLIER WEO GROUP MEETING, ASKING FOR POSTPONEMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION OF TEXT UNTIL LATE NEXT WEEK SO THAT WESTERN DESL COULD PROFIT FROM UNCTAD GROUP B CONSULTATIONS. GARCIA ROBLES STATED DELS SHOULD REALIZE THIS IS NOW A UN MATTER NOT AN UNCTAD MATTER, AND COMITE 2 MAY CONSIDER CERDS ITEM VERY SOON. ACCORDINGLY ROBLES SUGGESTED AS "COMPROMISE" THAT INSTEAD OF DISCUSSING ITEM TOMORROW, FRIDAY, DELS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

4. USDEL INTERVENED AFTER MOMENT OF SILENCE, PERHAPS DUE TO WEO SURPRISE AT EXTENT OF INADEQUACY OF GARCIA ROBLES RESPONSE TO PLEAS. USDEL APPRECIATED GARCIA ROBLES' WILLINGNESS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WEO GROUP DESIRES FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ISSUE, BUT FELT SINCE A KEY FACTOR IN SUCH POSTPONEMENT WAS WEO GROUP DESIRE TO BENEFIT FROM UNCTAD GROUP B CONSULTA-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIONS WHICH COULD NOT BE HELD UNTIL MONDAY, THAT MEETING WITH G-77 CONTACT GROUP BE POSTPONED TILL WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 20 - 21) OF NEXT WEEK. FINALLY GARCIA ROBLES CONCLUDED MEETING SHOULD BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AT 3 P.M. NO DELS OBJECTED.

5. USUN INFORMED THAT THIS A.M. MEXICAN DEL DISCUSSED G-77 TEXT WITH EE'S AND CHINA AND THAT THEY HAVE INDICATED WILLING-

NESS TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF TEXT AT ONCE. IN THAT REGARD,
DURING MEETING, IN UNNECESSARY ASIDE, GARCIA ROBLES NOTED THAT
HE WILL REPORT TO G-77 TOMORROW AFTERNOON, AND WOULD NOT WISH
TO HAVE TO TELL THEM THAT "THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHO LIVE
SO FAR AWAY AND CHINA WHO IS EVEN FARTHER AWAY" ARE PREPARED
TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF TEXT IMMEDIATELY, BUT WESTERN
EUROPE AND US ARE NOT.

6. THUS TUESDAY MEETING APPARENTLY WILL BE CONTACT GROUP
MEETING OF G-77, WEO GROUP, AS WELL AS CHINA AND SOCIALIST
GROUPS.
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